

ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION
Northern Division
70th ANNUAL STATE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Monday, September 22, 2008
Maria's Restaurant - Morris, IL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 70th Annual Fall Membership Meeting of the Illinois Grade School Music Association, Northern Division, held at Maria's Restaurant in Morris, was called to order at 10:07 A.M. by President Wesley Russell. A welcome to the members in attendance was extended by President Russell, followed by his introduction of the District Chairpersons, members of the Executive Committee and the Advisors. Special mention was given to new member of the Executive Board: Carla Bollinger – District VIII.

President Russell reminded the membership to complete the Attendance Forms and explained the procedure for receiving CPDU credit for attendance at this meeting. Members were reminded to also sign the CPDU form and retain a copy of the Meeting Agenda for their records. He indicated that voting members should have a ballot and also provided information regarding lunch.

Cindy Bridges, Chairperson of the Cloyd Myers Memorial Award, indicated that President Russell would make the presentation. Following preliminary remarks, President Russell presented the award to Edward Jones, commenting on his 51 years in education. Mr. Jones graciously accepted the award, registering his appreciation and surprise.

Mark Duker presented the Barbara Buehlman Young Conductor's Award to Heidi Rogers of Hill Middle School in Naperville.

Mr. Russell congratulated the recipients of the awards and thanked the committees for their work.

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2007 Annual State Fall Membership Meeting was made by Ellen Singer.

Second: Peggy Bonner **Motion Carried**

Vice President John Armstrong reported the status of medals and plaques in inventory. New bins currently hold 12,966 medals. We use approximately 50,000 medals per year. Mr. Armstrong described a meeting which he and Edward Jones had with a representative from Medalcraft which was very informative. There will be no cost increase and the Vice President is attempting to negotiate a multi-year contract. He indicated there will not be a price increase from Awards International of Chicago which is the company providing our plaques.

The Audit Report of the Association's financial activity for the previous year was presented. The records were found to be in order. A motion to accept the Audit Report was made by Clifford Hunt. Second: Jennifer Ketchmark **Motion Carried**

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Edward Jones presented the Financial Report, a copy of which had been placed in the members' folders. The detailed report indicated total assets of \$17,476.16 and a cash balance of \$2,748.95 as of June 30, 2008.

Report of the Executive Board:

Each member folder contains a copy of the Resolutions forthcoming from the Executive Board for their convenience in considering the Resolutions. Resolutions presented by members of the Executive Board are in the form of motions and require no second.

Lisa Kiener-Barnett recommended a Constitution change: Article III – Membership – Election of Officers, 5th Sentence – The nominating committee chairperson shall be selected at the Annual Executive Board Spring Meeting. **Eliminate the word "Spring"** **Motion Carried**

Edward Jones recommended a Constitution change: Article III – Membership – Voting, 2nd Sentence – In cases where decisions are close, the name of each person and how they voted shall be recorded. **Change to read: In cases where a ballot vote is necessary, a record of those members receiving a ballot will be kept along with the results.** **Motion Carried**

Michael Brown recommended a Constitution change: Article X – Amendments, 2nd Sentence – The printing of the Constitution and Bylaws shall be in book form and shall be printed every five years with an addendum in intervening years. **Change to read: The Constitution and Bylaws shall be made available to the membership each year.** **Motion Carried**

Michael Brown recommended a Bylaws change: Under Rules Governing Soloists, Item 1 – Students entering the solo contest may perform a solo chosen from the Association's suggested list or a selection of his or her instructor's choice. The *Suggested Solo List* is available from the Secretary-Treasurer. **Eliminate this Item and renumber accordingly.** **Motion Carried**

Ed Winkler recommended the salary of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer be increased by 3% for 2008-2009 to \$9739.00, President up 3% to \$3895.00, Vice President up 3% to \$4869.00 and Clerical up 3% to \$5356.00. This results in a total increase of \$695.00 for the year. **Motion Carried**

New Business

Five-year calendar – no changes suggested.

The Annual State Fall Meeting date was set for September 28, 2009.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Edward Winkler, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, discussed the process of nominations, indicating that George Pierard and Ellen Singer were nominated for President and John Armstrong as Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor for either position.

Mr. Winkler described the procedure for presentation from each candidate for five minutes and 10 minutes for questions from the floor. Mr. Pierard spoke first, having drawn that position earlier. Both candidates presented their philosophies and some past accomplishments, together with plans for the future, in general.

Following the candidates' presentations, two questions came from the floor, to which both responded.

- 1) What will you do to improve IGSMA?
- 2) How do you propose to make IGSMA more attractive than IESA?

Member names had been recorded upon their entry to the meeting and a ballot given to those qualifying. With the ballot were letters authored by each candidate. Time was allotted for the members to read the letters and cast their ballots for both positions.

The Corporate Members, Joseph Maielli and Robert Reich, together with nominating chairperson, Edward Winkler, counted the ballots.

During the time required for counting ballots, the meeting returned to New Business.

Carolyn Dobrinich, Oak Prairie JHS, District VI, moved to change the wording in the Bylaws under Eligibility, Item 7 – Eliminate the parenthesis and word “and.” The result would read: A student may participate in two choruses provided the choruses are of different types: treble, boys, mixed, **swing/show**. Second: Sarah Bush Randolph **Motion Defeated**

Bev Stenoish, Roosevelt Magnet School, District II, moved to change the wording in the Bylaws under Eligibility, Item 7 – to read: A student may participate in two choruses provided the choruses are of different types (i.e.: treble, boys, mixed) and **a student may also participate in** one swing/show choir. Second: Peg Bonner **Motion Carried**

Jessica Maffia, Mokena JHS, District VI, moved to change the wording in the Bylaws under Rules Governing the District and State Contests/Festivals, Chorus, Swing/Show Choir, Item 2b – Fourth-ninth grade groups must sing at least two-part music with these exceptions: **groups including exclusively** 8th and 9th grade must perform at least one selection in three or more parts; **groups including exclusively** 4th-6th grade may sing one unison selection. Second: Ellen Singer **Motion Carried**

The meeting returned to the election. Nominating chairperson announced that Ellen Singer was elected President.

Vice President John Armstrong made a presentation to the immediate past president, Wesley Russell, with gifts in appreciation of his 11 years of service as President. Mr. Russell responded with his thanks prior to a standing ovation in a tribute to him.

Deborah Johnson moved to adjourn the 70th Annual Fall State Meeting of IGSMA, Northern Division, at 11:35 AM. Second: Sarah Bush Randolph **Motion Carried**

Edward Jones
Executive Secretary-Treasurer